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GREEN TEAM

Jack Bishop, 6, left, steadies a newly planted tree as his father, Brad Bishop, 38, both of London, shovels dirt during Sunday's Earth Day London celebration in Watson Street Park. The 19th annual event saw 1,500 trees and shrubs planted in the park along the Thames River. A variety of species were chosen to create a wild whabitat of native plants, organizers said. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Blast back to winter

Wild weather.

Environment Canada predicting a slushy Monday

Average temperature

14 C/4 C

The normal high and low for London.



ANGELA MULLINS

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Forget about the fact that it's late April and you've likely already worn shorts this year. What's even more perplexing about Monday's wet snow and cold temperatures are their roots: The Sunshine State.

A low-pressure system making its way up the East Coast from Florida will pull cold air from the north, creating a messy late-April brouhaha, says Mark Seifert, an Environment Canada meteorologist.

The mix of snow and rain is expected to hit London in the late afternoon, continuing overnight and into Tuesday.

"If it were a different time

of (the) year ... this could be a significant amount of snow-fall," Seifert said.

But since the ground is warm and the thermometer is predicted to hover near 3 C, accumulation isn't expected. "The roads should be generally just wet, other than a bit of slush during the late-evening, overnight hours," Seifert said.

While it's "fairly typical" for weather to swing wildly in April, going from 20-C highs to snow in the course of three or four days is "sort of atypical," Seifert said.

"Usually we get one April snowstorm ... (but it's) usually not this late," he said. "Hopefully, this is ... the last hurrah of winter."

France goes to the polls

Conservative Nicolas Sarkozy and Socialist Francois Hollande are poised for presidential runoff

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Raven mad

Actor Luke Evans talks about his forthcoming film about a madman who commits murders inspired by the works of Edgar Allan Poe.

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Mobile news



Meow, the super-sized orange and white tabby, can't help but waddle. Tipping the scale at nearly 40 pounds, the two-year-old cat has been given to a New Mexico shelter by his 87-year-old owner, who can no longer provide adequate care. Now, the shelter has vowed to whip the feline into shape. Scan the code for the story.



Walking to stomp out multiple sclerosis

A team makes its way through Springbank Park during Sunday's MS Walk. About 1,100 people participated, raising \$192,000. That's about \$10,000 more than last year and about 200 additional walkers. The event, organized through the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, generates money to help patients and families in London. The goal for this year's walk was to raise \$190,000. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Taking the next step

Environmental initiative. Weekend cleanups pave the way for next leg of city's Clean & Green campaign



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The Forest City's sparkling. Now's the time to make it green.

With graffiti scrubbed away and upward of 20 tonnes of garbage plucked

from parks, riverbanks and boulevards, London Clean & Green is moving into its second phase — a focus on environmentally friendly programs.

A variety of initiatives are planned, including a bicycle festival in early June and several tree-planting events, said Jay Stanford, the city's director of environment, fleet and solid waste.

Full details will be released later this week.

"When we announced the (clean and green) program on April 10, we indicated there would be activity for the next 60 days," Stanford said Sunday. "We have

The impact

150

Estimated number of places where garbage was collected during Friday and Saturday cleanups.

(green) events running right through early June."

Londoners pulled together in a big way for the "clean" portion of the lineup, he said.

Combined, about 10,000 volunteers participated in Friday's 20-Minute Makeover and Saturday's Community Clean-Up. Garbage was col-

lected from sites across the city, with some of the largest piles collected on Blythwood Road in Oakridge, along Dundas Street East and in St. Julien Park.

Items collected included paper wrappers, cups, toilets and tires. Participation, as well as the quantity of garbage found, was on par with that of recent years.

"We've been at this program now for about 17 years, but it's really taken off in the last couple of years," Stanford said. "Before, we used to be able to handle (the garbage collected) with pickup trucks. Now, we have to have garbage trucks out with us."

OHL playoffs

Surge in third leads Knights to win over Rangers

The London Knights scored four straight goals in the third period to beat the host Kitchener Rangers 6-4 on Sunday.

London now leads the Western Conference Final 2-0.

Josh Anderson, Seth Griffith, Scott Harrington and Austin Watson each scored in the third for the Knights while Olli Maatta scored in the first period. Watson also scored in the second period for London to give him his second two-goal game of the post season.

Tobias Rieder scored twice for the Rangers, both coming shorthanded only 39 seconds apart, and Ryan Murphy had a goal and two assists. Michael Catenacci chipped in with a goal and an assist.

Michael Houser made 37 saves for the victory while John Gibson stopped 31 of 36 shots in defeat.

Game 3 is scheduled for Tuesday at the JLC.

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City council

Road talk on tap for committee

Contracts for road projects and studies for work along Highway 401 dominate the agenda for Monday's civic-works committee meeting.

Discussion will include a provincial study tied to a new highway interchange at Wonderland Road South; extending Veterans Memorial Parkway and reconfiguring its highway interchange; reconstructing a portion of Horton Street; and road widening at Fanshawe Park Road and Highbury Avenue.

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Win or lose, PC leader will make Alberta history

Vote. Today, Albertans will determine the fate of their government and the 41-year PC legacy

One way or another, Alison Redford makes history on Monday night.

Win the Alberta election and she is the first elected female premier in the province, heading up a party that has run things for four decades and will soon shatter the record for longest-serving government in Canadian history.

Lose and she's Harry Strom, the forgotten scapegoated premier of the Alberta Social Credit government when it fell to the Tories in 1971.

Redford, speaking at a weekend party rally, said she is pushing ahead and doesn't feel the weight of history.

"I'm pretty excited about Monday," she said. "This is a campaign about Alberta's future."

Redford's Progressive Conservatives have been in unfamiliar territory since the election campaign began a month ago, running behind another party on the right

side of the political spectrum.

The Wildrose party, under leader Danielle Smith, have fashioned an electable alternative by capitalizing on discontent over deficit budgets, long health-care wait times, onerous land-use rules, and perceived political greed on salary and perks. Some polls have had them ahead by more than 15 points, though that lead appears to have slipped somewhat recently.

If the Wildrose wins, it will defeat a colossus whose history can only be told in large numbers and superlatives. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Breaking record

The PCs have held power in Alberta for 14,847 days — 40 years and almost eight months.

- Should they win a 12th consecutive majority government, they will be on track to make history.
- When the next election rolls around, they will have been in power close to 45 years.



Alberta PC Leader Alison Redford gets back in her vehicle after making a campaign stop in Calgary Saturday. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Vegas' MP's story proves the power of time



NDP MP Ruth Ellen Brosseau listens to a citizen speak about concerns over float-plane noise in her riding. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Spend a day with rookie NDP MP Ruth Ellen Brosseau and witness the degree to which someone's life can change in 12 months.

It was a year ago this week that Brosseau was making regular phone calls home from Las Vegas, where she was celebrating her 27th birthday under the bright lights of Sin City. Those calls brought news that turned her life upside down.

"Of course being a mom, I called home all the time and spoke to my son and my family," said Brosseau. "They were kind of like: 'There's, um,

stuff going on here, you're kind of in the news a bit for going on your trip.'"

Brosseau, then a campus-bar manager in Ottawa, was hit with a stunner. Her name and photo were splashed all over the national news during Canada's ongoing federal election campaign, during which she emerged as a poster child for the NDP's improbable Quebec surge.

Little did she know that roughly one year later, she would be spending a busy day in a rural Quebec riding, a place to which she had no personal

connection, discussing pyrite, float planes, federal summer jobs and an art exhibition with local constituents.

Entering that campaign a year ago, even the term "underdog" would have been charitable to describe Brosseau and a few dozen other Quebec NDP candidates.

She hadn't knocked on doors, hadn't spent a dime on her campaign and had never even set foot in the riding she was vying for.

Allegations also spread that Brosseau couldn't speak French, even though the con-

stituency was 98 per cent francophone.

But a so-called "orange wave" rolled in around the same time Brosseau was on that late-April trip.

A few days later, that wave swept her to victory in the Berthier-Maskinonge riding, in what was perhaps the biggest upset of the election.

She appears to have grown into her new job and, given the French lessons she's been taking, original claims about her lack of proficiency in the language now appear exaggerated.

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Political riot

Police shuts down Montreal protest

Police moved swiftly to shut down a protest in Montreal on Saturday, a day after a series of violent clashes between demonstrators and officers in riot gear created havoc in the downtown core.

Eighty-nine people, some wearing masks and goggles, were arrested after Saturday's protest was declared illegal, said Montreal police spokesman Daniel Lacoursiere.

Demonstrators had gathered in the rain near Old Montreal to denounce a conference on Premier Jean Charest's plan to develop northern Quebec.

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Animal cruelty

Charge laid in B.C. animal cruelty case

A criminal charge has been laid in an animal cruelty case that focused international attention on the practices of the sled-dog industry after the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Robert Fawcett, a for-



A sled dog rests at a kennel operated by Whistler Outdoor Adventures. THE CANADIAN PRESS

mer general manager with Howling Dog Tours, based in Whistler, B.C., faces one count of causing unnecessary pain and suffering to dozens of sled dogs in April 2010.

Fifty-six dogs were dug up in a mass grave near Whistler after information leaked out in January 2011 through a workers compensation claim of post-traumatic stress disorder.

A Bob Fawcett also posted details on a PTSD website, describing how panicked animals were shot or had their throats slit before being dumped into the grave.

The charges come after a gruesome search and investigation by the RCMP and the Society for Prevention of Cruelty of Animals.

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Supporters of socialist Francois Hollande react after the results of the first round. LAURENT CIPRIANI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Socialist opponent leading Sarkozy in presidential race

French elections. Early results show socialist Francois Hollande and conservative President Nicolas Sarkozy will advance to runoff

European impact

"This is an election that will weigh on the future of Europe. That's why many people are watching us."

Socialist candidate Francois Hollande

Socialist Francois Hollande and conservative President Nicolas Sarkozy are heading for a runoff election in their race for France's presidency.

This according to partial official results in a vote that could alter the European political and economic landscape.

French voters defied expectations and handed a sur-

prisingly strong third-place showing to far-right candidate Marine Le Pen, who has run on an anti-immigrant platform aimed largely at Muslims.

That could boost her influence on the French political scene, hand her party seats in parliament and affect rela-

tions with minorities.

With 75 per cent of the vote counted, Hollande had 27.9 per cent of ballots cast and Sarkozy 26.7 per cent, according to figures released by the Interior Ministry after final polls closed.

Le Pen was in third with 19.2 per cent of the vote so far.

In fourth place was leftist firebrand Jean-Luc Melenchon with 10.8 per cent, followed by centrist Francois Bayrou with 9.2 per cent.

Turnout was surprisingly high, projected by polling agencies at about 80 per cent. The top two candidates head to a runoff May 6.

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Democratic primary

At this time in 2008, Obama was still in an epic primary battle against his Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

- This year, Obama's march to the nomination has generated little interest because he has no major primary challenger, no one who made the ballot in more than a handful of states.
- Democratic voters, however, are not unanimously behind the American president. In Oklahoma, anti-abortion protester Randall Terry got 18 per cent of the vote. But some say he's not a real Democrat.

No surprise. President Obama easily sails to Democratic nomination

It's official: U.S. President Barack Obama will clinch the Democratic nomination for president on Tuesday, ending a low-key primary race that many people probably didn't realize was happening. Obama is certain to reach the 2,778 delegates he needs to secure his party's nod for a second time when five states vote on Tuesday.

He has won almost every delegate so far, with a few exceptions in some Southern states that won't vote Democratic in the fall regardless.

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Barack Obama will clinch party's nomination. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Murdoch to testify about political influence in U.K.

Phone-hacking scandal. Media mogul's testimony could discomfit ruling class

Rupert Murdoch's appearance before Lord Justice Brian Leveson's inquiry this week is expected to focus on the network of personal and professional ties that have bound his newspaper and television operations to some of the most senior politicians in the United Kingdom.

Those ties have frequently come under criticism, with many observers saying British politicians were scared of crossing Murdoch because of his company's domination of the British media landscape.

Under fire

"I don't think he thinks that he has very much to lose"

Steve Fielding, Center for British Politics at the University Nottingham

But those intimate ties have frayed and snapped since revelations last year that journalists at Murdoch's News of the World tabloid routinely intercepted voice-mail messages of those in the public eye. The scandal quickly spread beyond the News of the World to cover an array of other questionable activities by British journalists, as well as police and public officials.

Coulson — a former Murdoch lieutenant drafted as Prime Minister David Cameron's chief media aid — and Murdoch protege Rebekah Brooks both resigned before being arrested as two of the scandal's leading suspects, and Murdoch and his media executive son James have swapped discreet visits to No. 10 Downing Street with confrontational appearances before skeptical lawmakers in Parliament.

Once eager to secure Rupert Murdoch's blessing, Cameron has since ordered the official inquiry, which is calling Murdoch and his son in for at least two full days of testimony starting Tuesday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



News Corp. CEO Rupert Murdoch. NOAH BERGER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Report. Wal-Mart silent on Mexico bribe scandal

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. hushed up a vast bribery campaign that top executives of its Mexican subsidiary carried out to build stores across that country, according to a published report.

The New York Times reported Saturday that Wal-Mart failed to notify law-enforcement officials even after its own investigators found evidence of millions of dollars in bribes. The newspaper said the company shut down its internal probe despite a report by its lead investigator that Mexican and U.S. laws likely were violated.

The bribery campaign was reported to have first come to the attention of senior executives at Wal-Mart in 2005, when a former executive of its largest foreign subsidiary, Wal-Mart de Mexico, provided extensive details of a bribery campaign it had orchestrated to win market dominance.

The Mexican executive, pre-

Growth

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Wal-Mart's growth in Mexico has been so rapid that one of every five Wal-Mart stores now is in that country. It is Mexico's largest private employer, with 209,000 employees there.

viously the lawyer in charge of obtaining construction permits, said in emails and follow-up conversations that Wal-Mart de Mexico paid bribes to obtain permits throughout the country in its rush to build stores nationwide, the Times reported.

The newspaper said that only after learning of its investigation did Wal-Mart inform the U.S. Justice Department in December 2011 that it had begun an internal investigation into possible violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Street View features Israel

After months of consultations with Israeli security officials, Google has launched its popular Street View service in the country's three largest cities.

The new Street View provides images of ordinary life, contested areas and religious sites in the Holy Land. Due to security issues, areas around several sensitive sites, such as the military headquarters in Tel Aviv and the prime minister's residence in Jerusalem, are blurred out.

Google Street View is available in more than 30 countries.

Google

Israel is the first Middle Eastern nation to display its cities and streets online.

- Pictures online Sunday showed typical street scenes — and the crowded cobblestone Via Dolorosa, the path that Jesus is said to have walked before his crucifixion in Jerusalem's Old City.

It was held up in Israel by concerns that images of its streets could be used by terrorists. The Islamic Jihad militant group in Gaza, for instance, has boasted that it used Google Earth, which gives bird's-eye views and some street-level pictures of sites around the world, to aim rockets at Israel.

Last August, after a panel of government ministers met for six months to draft security guidelines, Israel announced it had reached an agreement with Google.

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A Google Street View camera mounted on a tricycle.

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Tammy Jeffery, organizer of the CIBC Run for the Cure in London, says her reward for a job well done is the overwhelming feelings she experiences when looking out into the crowd on event day.

But Jeffery was also formally recognized by the Ontario region of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. She was recently presented with the Erin McBride Leadership Award, which honours a returning run director for their leadership, vision and willingness to motivate others.

"The award is a reflection of the run committee," said Jeffery, who accepted the honour at a National Volunteer Week kickoff ceremony at the Fairmont Royal York in Toronto. "I am proud of the accomplishments of the team members who dedicated hours of hard work."

But Jeffery's name was the one on the award, and it was certainly well-deserved. She put in countless hours herself to ensure a successful event in 2011. And her hard work is going a long way towards not only raising much-needed funds for breast cancer research, but also increasing awareness about the disease. The end goal is saving lives, and Jeffery says the situation is improving.

"There is a visual for us on run day," the London native said, noting that breast cancer survivors wear pink at the Run for the Cure event while others wear white. "It is encouraging to see that each year there are more pink shirts in the crowd."

Early detection and better treatment have improved the outlook for those diagnosed with breast cancer, and more and more individuals (men and women) are surviving the disease. But it is still the most common cancer among Canadian women, and many people are touched by it in some way. That's why Jeffery feels her work is so important — and meaningful.

"I am proud to say I support the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation," she said. "I believe in their values and their vision of a future without breast cancer."

A longtime employee of CIBC, the title sponsor of the Run for the Cure, Jeffery first became involved in the event as a participant back in 2001. She joined the committee in 2005, and by 2007 she had assumed the role of co-run director, a position she still holds today. In fact, even before accepting her award last Sunday, Jeffery was already looking ahead to the 2012 event, which will be held Sept. 30 at Victoria Park.

"We are always looking for ways to improve so that our participants have a great run day experience," she said. "We have set a goal to raise over \$1 million dollars this year and have 4,600 participants register."

Jeffery also hopes to recruit more volunteers for the cause. She says people can get involved by helping out for a few hours on event day, promoting the run in the months leading up to the event, or by joining the committee. And just how important are Run for the Cure volunteers?

"This event could not be possible without them," she said.

For more information, visit runfortheCure.com.



London native Tammy Jeffery recently won the Erin McBride Leadership Award from the Ontario region of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

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Warm-up to the podium



BEN HOSKINS/GETTY IMAGES

On your mark

Kenya rocks London marathon

A general view as runners go past the Cutty Sark during the Virgin London Marathon Sunday in London, England.

Kenyan marathon runners showed their superiority ahead of the Olympics, with Wilson Kipsang and Mary Keitany coasting to victory in London on Sunday, virtually assuring that they will be selected for the games.

The winners were presented with their medals by Prince Harry, who indicated that security logistics are thwarting his attempts to enter the marathon.

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Get set

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Wilson Kipsang, the second-fastest marathon runner ever, won the 42.2-kilometre race for the first time, more than two minutes ahead of fellow Kenyan Martin Lel. Kipsang had stormed ahead of the pack with around 10 kilometres to go in the British capital before winning in two hours, four minutes, 44 seconds.

Finish line



GETTY IMAGES

Prince Harry quipped that his brother, Prince William and wife Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge want to compete next year.

"What's fantastic is that my brother and his wife will be doing it next year, I think."

Marathon tragedy

Woman, 30, dies after collapsing

London marathon organizers say one runner has died after collapsing during the race.

The 30-year-old woman, who was not identified, fell Sunday near the finish line at Buckingham Palace in central London.

Organizers said in a statement on Sunday night that "although immediate medical attention was provided ... the fatality was confirmed this afternoon."

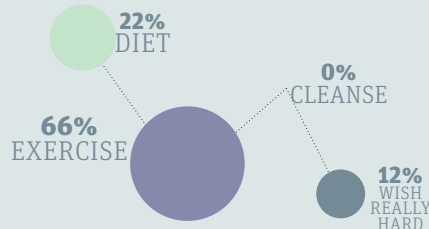
More than 37,000 people took part in the 42.2-kilometre race.

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Luke Evans plays a straight-laced detective opposite John Cusack in *The Raven*. HANDOUT

A rookie actor, nevermore

Learning process.

Despite his roles in big films, Evans says he learned plenty from working with John Cusack on *The Raven*

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Luke Evans hasn't been home in a while. The last two years have seen a marked increase in film work for the Welsh actor, taking him around the world to make films like *The Three Musketeers*, *Immortals* and this month's *The Raven*, in which he plays a straight-laced detective opposite John Cusack's Edgar Allan Poe. Evans checked in by phone from New Zealand, where he's been living for nearly a year while making *The Hobbit* — and where he

says he'll be until at least July. After that? Who knows?

How much of an Edgar Allen Poe fan were you before going into this project?

I was very aware of who he was and how much of an impact he made on American literature, but I hadn't read a huge amount of his work. I knew about *The Raven*. *The Pit* and *the Pendulum* was the one I knew as well.

What did you think of the project when you were initially approached?

I thought it was great. I thought it was a very clever way of using Poe's work and brilliant stories and making it into a fictional detective movie and showing his stories in a very clever sort of fictional backdrop. I'd always wanted to work with John Cusack, too, so the fact that he's playing Poe was a really exciting idea for me.

What are some of your favourites of Cusack's films?

Well, I love *The Grifters*, I love *High Fidelity*. They're two I really, really enjoyed. But almost all of John's work that I've watched, I've enjoyed. He's a great man to watch when he's doing his thing. He's been doing it for such a long time, you know? You can learn an awful lot, as an actor like myself, watching John do his thing.

Well, you've got a fair amount under your own belt now as well.

Yeah! Yeah, I have. It's just been very, very fast (laughs). And movies, film work — I'm still learning as I'm going along, and I'm sure I will learn for a very long time. But it is quite great when you get to work with people who've done movies for a long time because you just how watch how they play with the camera and like that, all the subtleties. I just keep watching, keep learning. But

yeah, I've been acting for 12 or 13 years now. A lot of it's been in the theatre, but I try to channel what I learned there and use it in film. It's all acting at the end of the day, isn't it?

How was the experience on location for the *Raven*?

We started in Budapest in Hungary, and then we moved across the border to Serbia to Belgrade and also to a northern town called Novi Sad, which has a castle on the mound, and underneath the castle there's a huge bunch of tunnel networks, which is what we used in the film when... I won't give it away, but there are tunnels in the film that get used to chase... someone (laughs).

Did you feel isolated out there?

It's another difference, yeah. But Budapest is a great city, a really great city. We did a lot of night shoots in Hungary, and in the wintertime it can be cold

and very windy, with a bit of snow. And it got worse because we jumped into former Yugoslavia. Serbia can get very cold. But the people are great. It's a great way to see the world. This is such a joy to me, to get a job and then go to places I would probably never have visited, and now I have. They're great, I'd go back there tomorrow.

Speaking of great locations, you're in New Zealand now. How is filming on *The Hobbit* going?

Filming is going very well, yeah. We're solid, solid working now. There's a lot to be done.

How have you found life in New Zealand?

I know, it's great, right? I've been here almost 10 months now, and it's such a beautiful place. Again, the people are what make New Zealand so great. They're a fantastic race of people, and they make a great team on set.

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Box office

Hunger Games knocked from No. 1

The date-night movies *Think Like a Man* and *The Lucky One* have finally knocked *The Hunger Games* off its No. 1 box-office perch. According to studio estimates Sunday, *Think Like a Man*, based on Steve Harvey's dating-advice bestseller, debuted as the top weekend draw with \$33 million. The Warner Bros. drama *The Lucky One*, starring Zac Efron in an adaptation of Nicholas Sparks' romance novel, opened at No. 2 with \$22.8 million. Lionsgate's blockbuster *The Hunger Games* took in \$14.5 million, slipping to third-place after four weekends at No. 1. Disney's nature documentary *Chimpanzee* opened at No. 4 with \$10.2 million.

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Rufus Wainwright gets a little 'pop' with the help of Mark Ronson

New album.

Singer-songwriter enlists the help of hitmaker Ronson in a bid for the mainstream ear

Rufus Wainwright is touting the release of what he calls his most pop-leaning album yet, but the eclectic singer-songwriter is far from quitting his ambitious foray into the classical world.

The 38-year-old crooner says he's set to pen another opera, but the details are staying under wraps, for now.

"I've been commissioned to write another one, there'll be announcements about that at some point," Wainwright says cryptically during a round of recent media interviews in Toronto.

"I don't think you can kind of step into that arena

and just step right out again. I think that would be very, very cowardly."

In the meantime, Wainwright returns to the pop sphere this week with his brightly melodic album, *Out of the Game*, an unabashedly mainstream bid shepherded by hit-making uber-producer Mark Ronson.

The 12-song disc is infused with a '70s flourish and Wainwright's trademark honey-toned vocals, which weave around evocative vignettes of life with boyfriend Jorn Weisbrodt (*Song of You*), new baby girl Viva (*Montauk*) and mourn the loss of his recently deceased mother, singer Kate McGarrigle (*Candles*).

Musically, the typically bittersweet Wainwright says he strove to create a more commercially bent collection, describing *Out of the Game* as "something that you can put on at a party and people won't leave the room."

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Wainwright says he strove to create a more commercial collection on his new album. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sound

Making music a little bit brighter

Rufus Wainwright's newest album is a bit escapist. "Right before this album came out I had written an opera and done a solo piano voice tour, buried my mom, had a baby, you know, so I was really entrenched in these huge adult issues," he notes.

"For this album I really just wanted to have a good time and kind of rock out and be silly for a little while," he adds. "And though the record still has that custom-Rufus romantic sadness, I think it's a little more upbeat and brighter than my past work."

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The Word

Kim and Kanye take on Manhattan, other Kardashians



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WORD
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Oh, hey! Look who it is: Kim Kardashian and Kanye West, just out for a stroll in one of the most crowded cities in the world, in broad daylight, on a Saturday afternoon, in front of a barrage of photographers.

They are doing a great job of keeping this totally legit burgeoning relationship on the down-low, am I right?

According to US Weekly, the two spotlight-lovers browsed the racks at the Chelsea shop Balenciaga and then stopped for an ice cream cone at the Van Leeuwen ice cream truck.

It's getting so "serious" (a.k.a. completely generated for publicity) that West had dinner with Kim, her mother Kris Jenner, sister

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Khloe and brother-in-law Lamar Odom at the Spice Market restaurant in the city's Meatpacking District, according to RadarOnline.

Expect to see this entire weekend on the E! network soon as Kim's Fairytale Dinner: A Kardashian Event.



Lindsay Lohan. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Was Lohan lying about whereabouts?

When a woman recently accused Lindsay Lohan of assaulting her at a nightclub, Lohan's response was simple: She couldn't have, since she was at home watching TV at the time.

But new developments suggest she might not be telling the truth there, according to RadarOnline.

"Investigators obtained the surveillance video from

the Smoke & Mirrors nightclub at The Standard Hotel and it clearly shows that Lindsay was there on the night of the alleged assault," a source says.

"The investigation is still ongoing and follow-up investigators want to interview Lindsay about the incident, but she hasn't been interviewed yet, nor is she under any obligation to do so."

Wedding bells in Italy for Biel and Timberlake?

Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel just finished a whirlwind five-day trip to Italy, prompting speculation about the location of their upcoming wedding, according to Us Weekly. After hitting up Rome, Naples and Capri, the happy couple reportedly paid a visit to the southern town of Bernalda — and more specifically the wedding venue Palazzo Margherita, where Sofia Coppola tied the knot last year.



Jessica Biel and Justin Timberlake

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Breakfast

Sunny outlook for outlets catering to millennial market

More Canadians eat breakfast on the run and it's the 20-something group that's driving the trend, says a market researcher group.

But the so-called millennials — people who now fall into the 19-35 age range — are also looking for healthier options they can easily eat during their morning commute.

A study by the NPD Group shows growth among quick-service restaurants for the morning meal, because more Canadians don't stop in their own kitchens before they head out the door. NPD predicts that segment of the market will grow 10 per cent by 2016.

The study, *A Look into the Future of Foodservice*, finds that nine per cent of the population prefers to pick up its morning meal at outlets such as Tim Hortons or McDonald's, and this has led to a 14 per cent increase in breakfast sales in the past year.

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On the web



Doggy Wars?
Campaigns spar about canines, but dog owners not biting much



Mommy blog reasonsmommydrinks.com uses a comedic approach to discuss the issues faced by new mothers. ISTOCK

What drives mommy to reach for a drink?

Blog. After having babies four months apart, two life-long friends teamed up to offer an unfiltered look at being new moms

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For Metro News

Two bloggers with new babies have put a comedic spin on some real issues women are facing when it comes to motherhood.

Lyranda Martin Evans and Fiona Stevenson, friends for 20 years, are the co-authors of reasonsmommydrinks.com, an honest and unfiltered blog about what it's really like to be a new mom.

"Being on maternity leave is the hardest job in the world," says Evans. "If I had to do mat-leave by myself, I think I would have



Bloggers Fiona Stevenson (left) and Lyranda Martin Evans. CONTRIBUTED

gone nuts."

The two friends both had baby boys, four months apart.

"In my group of friends, there was a group of 2011 babies," says Evans. "I was really lucky. Women love to help each other out."

After attending high

school, Queens University and then training at the Second City conservatory comedy program together, it only makes sense Evans and Stevenson would team up for this blog.

Both are unafraid to make racy quips and expose a more realistic image of be-

Tips for new moms

Lyranda Martin Evans has this advice for new moms.

- **You're not alone.** Reach out to your network. There are friends, mommy groups and hundreds of online and community resources available to you.
- **Get out of the house.** You and your baby will be happier if you get out, even if it's just to go to Starbucks.
- **Speak your mind.** Don't be afraid to speak up. If something doesn't come naturally or you're tired, tell someone. Chances are, you're not the only one.

ing a mom.

The writers take personal experiences and stories from mom groups to create a witty list of more than 50 "reasons why mommy drinks."

"It's very cathartic," says Evans. "At the time, it's the worst moment of the day, but it becomes funny."

The blog's name is somewhat controversial, but Evans sees it as a comedic device, playing on the expression "I need a drink!"

"We wanted to have a good hook. It's all written tongue-in-cheek."

"The blog is really about how much we love them [kids]. We're trying to be perfect for them."

Postpartum trend

Why I plan to eat my own placenta

Mad Men's return was big news, but January Jones made headlines by announcing her decision to have her placenta encapsulated and the benefits she's seen from taking the pills.

"Your placenta gets dehydrated and made into vitamins," she explained. "It's something I was very hesitant about, but we're the only mammals who don't ingest our placentas."

The revelation was largely met with an online chorus of "Ew, gross!", combined with a few attempts to explain the practice, along the lines of "Well, cats do it..."

Personally, I did a little fist shake of victory when I read about it. I plan to encapsulate and consume my placenta, and every prominent woman who talks about it makes my decision seem a bit less extreme.

Nobody is more surprised about this decision than me. When I first heard about placenta consumption, I deemed it about one step above witchcraft.

Fast forward a few years, and now I'm expecting — and planning to hire my doula to take my placenta home, dehydrate it, and put it into little capsules that I can pop post-birth.

I can't say that I'd be up for tossing a hunk of afterbirth in a smoothie or a stew — though there's no shortage of recipes online — but I'm otherwise relaxed about the idea.

What changed? I've dealt with several episodes of clinical depression in my adult life. My depression is being managed well now, but since becoming pregnant I've learned that my history puts me at a higher risk of developing postpartum depression — and frankly, I'm terrified.

Consuming the placenta post-birth is said to protect against postpartum depression, either by making it less severe or preventing it altogether. There is scant research on this, but no shortage of anecdotal evidence and testimonials.

Supporters of the practice say that consuming the placenta after birth provides the mother with iron. Others point to a possible protective effect from the hormones in the placenta.

In the end, I know I'm not going to find a study I can wave in people's faces to prove there's a solid, scientifically established reason to take those pills. But I'm learning parenting will make a person do things she never thought she'd do.

TERRI COLES, MOMMYISH.COM

Reason #38 why mommy drinks: The Babysitter

"Mommy can't believe she's going to pay a teenager \$40 to sit in her living room for three hours (texting her boyfriend and eating Mommy's cappuccino frozen yogurt directly from the tub) while you lie sleeping in your crib upstairs the entire time. But Mommy and Daddy figured that to avoid becoming a statistic, they should spend the occasional Saturday night doing something other than eating take-out Thai food in front of Grey's Anatomy, only to doze off before the latest iteration of "doctor rips off nurse's clothes in the medical supply room." Dressed in her standby LBD and rocking her volumizing mascara, Mommy's actually feeling pretty hot, until the sitter with Angelina legs sprouting from a skirt the size of a Bella Band greets her at the front door."

reasonsmommydrinks.com

Catch of the day makes for easy weeknight dinner



This recipe makes two servings. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Sweet and spicy, this catfish only needs a medley of vegetables served along with it or a crisp green salad for an easy weeknight meal.

1. In a small bowl, mix together Dijon and Creole mustards, honey and vinegar. Spread mustard mixture over top of fillets and arrange potato slices over mustard, pushing down gently so potato sticks.

2. In a non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Carefully place fillets potato-side down in skillet and pan-fry for 5 minutes.

3. Remove fillets and place on parchment-paper-lined baking sheet. Bake in centre of 180 C (350 F) oven for about 12 minutes, until potatoes are golden and fish flakes easily when tested with a fork.

4. Apple and Jalapeno Glaze: Meanwhile, in a small saucepan combine apple jelly, water, apple and jalapeno and simmer on

Ingredients

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) Dijon mustard
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) Creole mustard
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) honey
- 5 ml (1 tsp) cider vinegar
- 2 farm-raised catfish fillets (each 175 to 250 g/6 to 8 oz)
- 2 medium potatoes, peeled and cut in paper-thin slices
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil

Apple and Jalapeno Glaze

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) apple jelly
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) water
- 1/2 apple, peeled and diced
- 1/2 jalapeno, seeded and diced

low heat for about 5 minutes. Keep warm.

5. Remove catfish from oven. Place on serving plates and drizzle with glaze.

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Corn syrup and cumin for the perfect salmon glaze

Experimenting with salt, soy sauce, garlic and ginger with fruit can make an interesting glaze for fish.

It may also interest you that a household staple such as corn syrup makes for a perfect glaze, like in this recipe

There has been some concern recently about high fructose levels in corn syrup, so it's worth noting that Crown Golden, the corn syrup of choice in this recipe, does not contain high-fructose-corn-syrup.

1. Heat a dry non-stick skillet on medium high heat. Add the cumin and toss for 1 to 2 minutes until the cumin is toasted. Use care not to burn the cumin. Re-

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 tablespoons ground cumin
- 1 1/2 teaspoons garlic salt
- 1/2 teaspoon fine grind black pepper
- 1/2 cup Crown Golden no-high fructose corn syrup
- 4 salmon fillets (6 to 8 oz. each/ approx 200 g each)



This recipe serves eight to 10 people. NEWS CANADA

move it from heat and allow to it cool for about 10 minutes.

2. Combine cumin, garlic salt, black pepper, and dark corn syrup in a small bowl.

Mix well.

3. Brush glaze over both sides of the salmon. Grill or broil, turning once and brushing liberally with glaze. Cook 8 to 10 minutes

until salmon flakes easily.

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Green living — dollhouse-style

Next-generation toys. Dollhouse with different types of green themes helps educate kids as they play

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For young children, play is serious business. It's what they do — and how they learn.

That's why PlanToys, an innovative maker of eco-friendly playthings, has created the ultimate green dollhouse.

"The PlanToys dollhouse shows many different types of eco-themes," explains Cal Nicholson, sales and marketing specialist at Playwell Canada.

"It's got a windmill, a solar shade, solar panels, recycling buckets — even the furniture inside features cotton that is all organic."

The concept is deliciously simple.

Along with all the social skills and imagination any good dollhouse fosters, this

one turns sustainability into a basic, everyday concept — taken as a given from very early in life.

"The reality is that for

the kids, the dollhouse is something cool to play with," Nicholson says.

"But the really big thing about PlanToys actually is

about the parents. They know that the eco-credentials of this product are among the highest on the planet, and they feel really good about



PlanToys is making eco-friendly dollhouses for tomorrow's generation. HANDOUT

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"Using chemicals goes completely against the green feature of the product, and they're only using soy inks or natural water-based colours. All the packaging is recycled and recyclable."

Cal Nicholson
Sales and marketing specialist at Playwell Canada.

buying it."

The dollhouse is made from rubber wood trees from Thailand. Normally, these are burned for charcoal once they reach the end of their productive life. Instead, PlanToys uses their chemical-free wood to build toys that are tough, durable — and very green.

"Using chemicals goes completely against the green feature of the product, and they're only using soy inks or natural water-based colours," notes Nicholson. "All the packaging is recycled and recyclable."

The dollhouse isn't cheap

By the numbers

\$1.2B

Total Canadian toy sales in 2009, according to Statistics Canada. That's down sharply from \$1.8 billion in 2004.

— averaging around \$200, depending on the retailer. But it's also very durable.

"You're buying a product that is Earth-friendly, that has high quality, and it's evergreen in the sense that kids are going to play with it for a long time. It's not a Walmart item that's going to get thrown away or broken in two weeks."

Nicholson sees the PlanToys dollhouse as an investment in the future — in more ways than one.

"This is something that can be played with by younger siblings or passed on to future generations," he explains. "PlanToys' whole model is sustainable play — in terms of the product itself, and also for the environment."

Child's play, in other words.

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Prom-posals: A new age of asking

A night to remember.
From rings to aerial requests, youth are adding a wow-factor to 'Wanna go to prom?'

Never mind a text that meekly asks "will u go 2 prom w/me?" Today's teenagers are taking a cue from elaborately staged wedding proposals, inviting each other to prom with flash mobs, scavenger hunts, home-made music videos and even airplane banners.

And while coming up with clever or romantic ways to ask someone to prom isn't an entirely new concept, the effort and expense going into the big ask these days has given rise to

Reigning in the raunch

A romantic revival?

Nancy Darling, an Oberlin College professor of psychology who studies adolescent development, said teenage relationships go through stages, one of which is taking the romance public.

She added that despite stereotypes of teens "as sex-driven and aggressive," data shows kids are now becoming "more conservative" socially, with less sexual intercourse than previous generations. "We're back to being romantic," she said.



18-year-old Joe Nelson, right, presented his girlfriend with a ring when he asked her to the prom.
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a new term: Prom-posal.

"This year is the first time we've done prom invitations," said Remy Colin, owner of Aerial Messages, a company that charges \$600 for a plane to fly a banner with a message on it. "It's expensive as hell for a high schooler who doesn't have any money, but we've done two in the past three months," one in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and one in Tampa, Fla.

Alex Chichkov, 17, arranged for a plane trailing "Come to prom with me, Kayla?" to fly over a student fundraiser his girlfriend Kayla Bennett was attending at King High School in Tampa in March.

"I've seen it for weddings and I wanted to do something huge or unique," said Alex, a senior who paid for the flyover with money he earned working at a family business.

"I didn't want to do anything generic. In the history of the school, no one has done anything that big. It's going to be my only prom, first time ever, last time ever, with someone who's been my girlfriend for two and a half years, so it deserves to be that big."

The plane flew over a student Relay for Life event, which raises money for the American Cancer Society, right before the talent show, while a sound system played a Michael Bublé cover of the Frank Sinatra song, Come Fly With Me.

Rebecca Leet, 17, had an audience of over 250 people for a prom-posal from her boyfriend, Joe Nelson, 18. Rebecca and Joe both worked on a school performance of Thoroughly Modern Millie at Collierville High School in Collierville, Tenn. At the end of the show, their teacher, Keith Salter, told the audience to stay put for one more thing.

Joe came out on stage, got down on one knee and pulled out a box with a ring in it. "It's not what you think!" Salter quickly assured the audience, as some gasped, thinking it was a teenage marriage proposal.

Then Joe popped the question — the prom question. "She got all teary and said yes," Joe said. "It made my day just knowing I did something memorable and she really enjoyed it." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Precious cargo: CEO transported from hard worker to hotshot

Moving up. Ajay Virmani pulled out all the stops to guarantee his company's success



THE IN-CREDIBILITY FACTOR
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Ajay Virmani came to Toronto from India in 1975 with a strong work ethic and a vision.

He washed windows, fixed car mufflers, then sold vacuum cleaners and life insurance.

But he found his true calling when he got into transportation management and quickly turned a struggling air cargo company around. With an opportunity to go out on his own, Virmani didn't think twice.

"I thought, 'I've got

Risky business

"At one point I had two mortgages on my house. I paid one credit card to another. Risk-taking ability is the biggest thing an entrepreneur can have."

Ajay Virmani

enough contacts in business. If I make \$150,000 a year, I'll be happy."

That was in 1990 and today Cargojet is Canada's air cargo leader doing 200 million a year in sales.

Virmani says the key to being a successful entrepreneur is to never underestimate yourself and to believe in your skills.

"Take risks, be stubborn, dream and have a sense of purpose when you get up in the morning. At one point I had two mortgages on my

Spelling it out

Ajay Virmani's secret to success:

- S. Sense of purpose
- E. Educate yourself
- C. Creative ability with your ideas
- R. Responsibility — be accountable
- E. Excellence — anything you do, do it well
- T. Time management

house. I paid one credit card to another. Risk-taking ability is the biggest thing an entrepreneur can have."

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"We have tons of money and if we can use our cap space to get high-end free agents, we have a shot to get right back on top."

Detroit head coach Mike Babcock whose Red Wings were eliminated by the Nashville Predators with a 2-1 loss in Game 5 on Friday.

"This team is too good to be going home right now after five playoff games."

San Jose forward Logan Couture, whose Sharks were eliminated in five games after a 3-1 loss to the St. Louis Blues on Saturday.



Danny Briere of the Philadelphia Flyers takes the puck and heads up ice from in front of Zbynek Michalek Sunday in Philadelphia. PAUL BERESWILL/GETTY IMAGES

Flyers charge past Pens

NHL. Philadelphia's Claude Giroux caps big series with sixth goal to help eliminate Pittsburgh

Claude Giroux had his coach call him the best player in the world.

Giroux needed one shift to prove that claim is more than hometown hype.

He flattened Sidney Crosby by only five seconds into the game, buried his sixth goal of the series past Marc-Andre Fleury 27 seconds later, and led a Philadelphia Flyers

Game 6	
5	1
Flyers	Penguins

charge into the second round.

Giroux wrapped up a dominant series with a goal and two assists. Ilya Bryzgalov had his first outstanding effort in net and the Flyers beat the 108-point Pittsburgh Penguins 5-1 on Sunday to win their Eastern Conference opening-round series in six games.

"G is a very special player," Bryzgalov said. "There's not very many players like that in the world."

Giroux strapped the Flyers to his 24-year-old back and gave the team an opening shift to remember. In a series where no lead was safe, the Flyers scored the first three goals and made it stand behind stout defence and stellar play out of Bryzgalov.

Bryzgalov allowed 20 goals in the first five games. He settled down in Game 6 and gave up only Evgeni Malkin's goal in the second period.

The Flyers had stormed out to a 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven series before Pittsburgh won two straight.

Peaceful finish

- The testy series concluded with a peaceful handshake line — and the Flyers having several days of rest to find out their next opponent before the next round begins.

"We needed to play perfect hockey to stay in this series, to win this series, and we didn't get the kind of start we needed today," Crosby said. "We felt like we could get it back to Pittsburgh, and now we have some time to think about why we didn't."

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NHL

Bruins win in OT to force Game 7

Tyler Seguin scored at 3:17 of overtime, Tim Thomas made 36 saves, and the Boston Bruins beat the Washington Capitals 4-3 on Sunday to tie the first-round Eastern Conference playoff series at three games apiece.

The defending Stanley Cup champion Bruins never trailed, but needed a stolen pass and a deft bit of skating to finally get the decisive goal and avoid being eliminated by the seventh-seeded Capitals.

Game 7 is Wednesday night in Boston.

In overtime, David Krejci intercepted a pass by Nicklas Backstrom and sent the puck to Milan Lucic, who passed ahead to Seguin.

Seguin, who entered the game without a point in the series, veered slightly to his right to draw goaltender Braden Holtby from the net, then lifted a shot past the rookie to win it.

That kept alive Boston's bid to become the first team to win successive Stanley Cups since the Detroit Red Wings in 1997-98.

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Tyler Seguin celebrates his game-winning goal Sunday. NICK WASS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Romero wins his third-straight start for Jays



Brett Lawrie, left, beats the tag by catcher Humberto Quintero to steal home in the eighth inning Sunday in Kansas City, Mo. CHARLIE RIEDEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ricky Romero keeps winning and the Kansas City Royals keep losing.

Romero won his third straight start, Brett Lawrie stole home and drove in two runs and the Toronto Blue Jays beat Kansas City 5-3 Sunday, giving the Royals a 10th straight loss.

The Royals have only six skids longer than 10 in franchise history. It is their longest losing streak since dropping 12 consecutive May 19-30, 2008.

Romero (3-0), who is 11-2 in 17 starts since July 21, gave up two runs on five hits in eight innings to earn the victory. In winning his past three starts, Romero has allowed 16 hits and six runs over 22 1-3 innings.

Sunday's game

5	3
Blue Jays	Royals

"He was efficient with his pitches," Blue Jays manager John Farrell said. "He pitched ahead in the count for the most part. I think given the conditions today, it wasn't his cleanest game, but it shows the kind of stuff he has and the late life to all his pitches."

The Royals managed a

couple of runs off Romero in the fifth, but those were aided by a Blue Jays error.

"I got outs and got deep into the game," Romero said. "That's my goal every time I take the mound. By doing that you've got to throw strikes. I had a little bit of a hiccup in that one inning. I thought I battled pretty good back from that. I just kept pounding the zone and let the defence work."

"When you throw strikes and pound the zone, you keep the hitters swinging, let the defence work and get some quick innings here and there and the next thing you know you find yourself in the eighth."

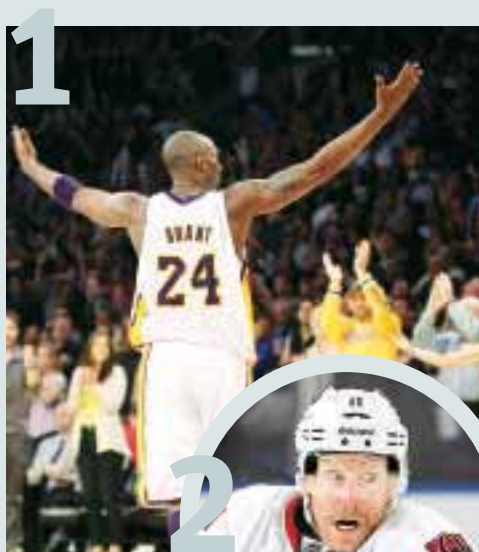
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On the web

On Monday night, the Nets will play their last game in New Jersey after 45 years of "misfortune". They will leave East Rutherford and cross the Lincoln Tunnel to set up shop at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn to start the next NBA season. Scan the code for the story.

Sports in pictures



1 **NBA.** Kobe caps Lakers' comeback vs. Thunder in double-OT

Kobe Bryant scored six of his 26 points in the second overtime, and the Los Angeles Lakers rallied from an 18-point deficit in the second half for a 114-106 victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder on Sunday.

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2 **NHL.** Alfredsson skates for Sens with Rangers on the ropes

Daniel Alfredsson participated in an optional skate in Ottawa on Sunday afternoon and said he's "hopeful" to return Monday as the Senators look to eliminate the New York Rangers in Game 6 of their first-round series.

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3 **English Premier League.** Man City pulls within 3 points of United

Manchester City relegated the Wolverhampton Wanderers from the Premier League and moved to within three points of leader Manchester United by winning 2-0 at Molineux on Sunday. United played to a 4-4 draw at home to Everton earlier in the day.

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4 **Tennis.** Nadal finally delivers win against Djokovic in Monaco

Rafael Nadal managed to beat Novak Djokovic in a final, thrashing the top-ranked Serb 6-3, 6-1 on Sunday to win the Monte Carlo Masters for the eighth consecutive year and end a run of seven straight defeats to his rival in title matches.

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MLB. Small ball works for Rangers in Detroit

Alberto Gonzalez's squeeze bunt turned into an RBI infield single in the 11th inning, and the Texas Rangers went on to beat the Detroit Tigers 3-2 on Sunday.

With the bases loaded and nobody out, Gonzalez bunted back to pitcher Thad Weber (0-1), who had no play at the plate on runner Nelson Cruz. Weber froze with the ball, and first baseman Miguel Cabrera struggled to get back to the bag in time. Everybody was safe, and Texas took the lead.

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Prince Fielder slides into second in Detroit on Sunday.

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Curling. Howard toppled by underdog Epping

Toronto's John Epping upset Glenn Howard of Coldwater, Ont., 7-6 on Sunday to win the men's final at the Capital One Grand Slam of Curling Sun Life Financial Players' Championship.

Epping drew to the button on the final shot to clinch the win in Summerside, P.E.I.

"It's a dream," Epping said. "This is something you dream of as a kid."

Epping, third Scott Bailey, second Scott Howard and lead David Mathers started the event as the lowest seeded men's side.

Quotable

"Expectations are going to be probably higher next year and that's what it's all about."

John Epping

"I don't think anyone could pick us to win this, and probably a lot of people didn't pick us to make the playoffs," Epping said. "But we've had a good season, we worked hard."

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Pistons top Raptors in another ugly one

NBA. Clash between Detroit and Toronto more of a formality with both clubs outside the NBA post-season bubble

They had to play the game because the schedule said so, tickets had been sold and there were television contracts to honour.

No one said they had to play it well, though.

In a game that will not be memorable for anything, the Detroit Pistons beat the Raptors 76-73 at the Palace of Auburn Hills on Sunday night.

With neither team shooting better than 38 per cent from the field, of course the game came down to a miss.

Linas Kleiza missed a wide open three-pointer at the buzzer that would have sent the game into overtime.

That came after Alan Anderson missed a potential game-winner with about seven seconds left, just missing a three-pointer with Toronto down two. However, the Pistons kept Toronto in the game when Ben Gordon could only make one of two free throws, setting up Kleiza's open look.

Gordon and Brandon Knight each had 19 points to lead Detroit.

Two teams long out of playoff contention showed why, with inept offence, little intensity on defence and before a crowd that couldn't have cracked 10,000 — more intent on watching MC Hammer at halftime than seeing the game.

DeMar DeRozan played



Toronto's DeMar DeRozan passes the ball around Jason Maxiell in Detroit on Sunday.

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just 28 minutes and led the Raptors with 16 points as coach Dwane Casey gave extended minutes to his back-ups down the stretch.

Kleiza had 12 points and Gary Forbes 10 for the Raptors.

With both teams playing out the string on a regular season that ends Thursday night, the intensity was hardly at a fever pitch and the game was, at times, beyond dreadful.

Sunday's game

76	73
Pistons	Raptors

The Raptors led 34-29 at halftime — a score that

would just as often be associated with a quarter rather than a half — as the teams put on some of the worst offensive basketball imaginable.

The Pistons shot just 27 per cent from the floor in the first half, the Raptors shot 35 per cent and the combined 53 points was the lowest in a Raptors half this season.

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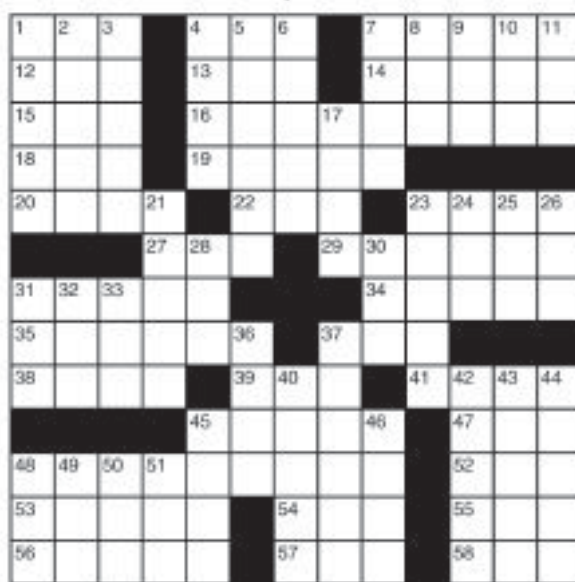
Across

- 1 Foundation
- 4 PC program
- 7 Unrefined
- 12 Inseparable
- 13 "No seats"
- 14 Charlie Brown, typically
- 15 Rd.
- 16 Star of the show
- 18 Scepter
- 19 Poppy derivative
- 20 Antenna type
- 22 USN newbie
- 23 Grit
- 27 Under the weather
- 29 Tom Cruise movie
- 31 Reflection
- 34 Flora and fauna
- 35 Astaire/ Rogers film
- 37 Half a sawbuck
- 38 Witnesses
- 39 — -CIO
- 41 Grand-scale tale
- 45 Skedaddles
- 47 Swelled head
- 48 Hush-hush
- 52 Jungfrau, e.g.
- 53 Rigel's constellation
- 54 Nipper's old co.
- 55 Country singer David Allan
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- 56 Pollster's finding

- 57 Urge
- 58 Scuttle

Down

- 1 Enplane
- 2 Summarizing stanza
- 3 Gary Cooper role
- 4 Regarding
- 5 Drive
- 6 Visit briefly
- 7 Untalkative one
- 8 Jockey Turcotte
- 9 "Born in the —"
- 10 Lair
- 11 History chapter
- 17 Sculpture of a sort
- 21 Peak periods
- 23 Bookbinding piece
- 24 Past
- 25 Enthusiast
- 26 Genetics letters
- 28 Meadow
- 30 Kimono closer
- 31 "Monty Python" opener
- 32 Larry's pal
- 33 Gorilla
- 36 Soft mineral
- 37 Swindle
- 40 Staten Island carrier
- 42 Cobbler ingredient
- 43 Nome dome home
- 44 Got by somehow



- 45 Ward (off)
- 46 Ollie's partner
- 48 Youngster

- 49 Bobby of hockey
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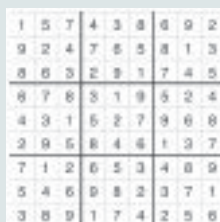
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Friday's Sudoku



Friday's Crossword



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FNMF M YTXUMY JTJOGF.
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SAY THAT YOU MINCE MINTS.
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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20.

This is a week for getting things done, not fretting needlessly.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

Usually you keep your feelings to yourself but over the next few days you will surprise a few people — and maybe yourself — by how easily you open up emotionally.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

Enrich yourself and enrich other people too.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

Romance is in the air: feel it, breathe it, enjoy it.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. If you intend to make major changes this week it will pay you to let partners

and loved ones know well in advance.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

The more confident you are the more people you will attract to your side.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

A family or financial matter that has been causing you concern will disappear off your radar today, never to return.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

Your one and only priority today is to have a good time.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

If your instincts tell you a certain course of action is right then that is what you must do — even if the rest

of the world screams "Don't do it!"

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

The odds may seem stacked against you at the moment but it's an illusion.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.

You may think that people are talking behind your back, and you may think that someone in authority has got it in for you, but that just shows you think too much.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

If you are the kind of Pisces who needs to be told that you are loved and appreciated then this will be a wonderful day. Almost everyone in your life wants to be nice to you. Why? Because you deserve it, that's why. **SALLY BROMPTON**



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